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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Second Office Action mailed on January 16, 2003, Applicant hereby respectfully amends the subject application, as follows:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Second Office Action mailed on January 16, 2002. The amendment utilizes the revised amendment format authorized by the Pre-OG Notice issued by the Office of Patent Legal Administration on January 31, 2003, entitled "Amendments In A Revised Format Now Permitted." In accordance with the revised format, the present amendment consists of this first section entitled "Introductory Comments," a second section entitled "Amendment to Claims," and a third and final section entitled "Remarks." Each section begins on a separate page.

As described more fully in the "Remarks" section below, objected-to claims 58-69, 81 and 85-90 have been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 74 is also being amended, along with dependent claims 75 and 78. Dependent claims 2-8, 17-23, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40-57, 70-73, 76, 77, 79 and 80 are being cancelled. By virtue of the present amendment, claims 1, 9-11, 15, 16, 24-26, 30-32, 34, 37, 38, 58-69, 74, 75, 78 and 81-90 remain in the application.

Reconsideration is hereby requested.